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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising:

delivery notifying partner storing means for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

delivery confirmation mail confirming means for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

delivery confirmation mail transferring means for determining whether the delivery confirmation mail indicates successful mail delivery, and for transferring said delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said confirming means to said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means when the delivery confirmation mail indicates successful mail delivery.

2. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising:

delivery notifying partner storing means for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

delivery confirmation mail confirming means for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic mail for confirming mail delivery; and

delivery confirmation mail transferring means for transferring said delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said confirming means to a mail address set in a From address field, when a mail address of a sender is set in said From address field of said delivery confirmation mail, and

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for transferring said delivery confirming mail to the destination address, when the mail address of the sender individual is not set in said From address field of said electronic mail.

3. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail, function and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of facsimile device, comprising:

delivery notifying partner storing means for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

delivery confirmation mail confirming means for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

delivery confirmation mail transferring means for determining whether said delivery confirmation mail includes contents relating to a transferring error and for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to the destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when the contents relating to the transferring error are not contained in the delivery confirmation mail.

4. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device comprising:

delivery notifying partner storing means for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

delivery confirmation mail confirming means for detecting at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

delivery confirmation mail transferring means
for confirming whether a mail address of a sender is set in a From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said delivery confirmation mail confirming means and for confirming whether said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined

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contents relating to a transferring error, and

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined contents relating to said transferring error contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail,

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined contents relating to said transferring error contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is not set in the From address field of said electronic mail,

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error not contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender individual is not set in the From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

5. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 1,
wherein said network facsimile device further comprises:
setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said delivery confirmation mail transferring means.

6. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 2,
wherein said network facsimile device further comprises:
setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of

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said delivery confirmation mail transferring means.

7. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 3,
wherein said network facsimile device further comprises:
setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of
said delivery confirmation mail transferring means.

8. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 4,
wherein said network facsimile device further comprises:
setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of
said delivery confirmation mail transferring means.

Claim 9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to an Internet or a
local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging
image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile
device, comprising:

delivery notifying partner storing means for storing a mail address of a destination
address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

delivery confirmation mail confirming means for detecting at a time of receiving
electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail
for confirming mail delivery; and

delivery confirmation mail processing means

for confirming whether an address of a sender is set in a From address field of said
electronic mail detected by said delivery confirmation mail confirming means to be an electronic
delivery confirmation mail for confirming the delivery, and for confirming whether
predetermined contents relating to a transferring error are contained in contents of said electronic
delivery confirmation mail,

for visibly outputting said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when
said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of

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said electronic mail, or

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both of said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail,

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address of said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivering confirmation mail and when said mail address of said sender is set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and

for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of said sender is not set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

Claim 11 (canceled).

12. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 10,
wherein said network facsimile device further comprises:

first setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said delivery confirmation mail processing means; and second setting means for making valid or invalid visible display of said electronic mail of said delivery confirmation mail processing means.

13. (previously presented) A method of controlling a network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising the steps of:

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storing a delivery notifying destination's partner mail address;
detecting, at a time of receiving an electronic mail, whether said received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming delivery of electronic mail;
confirming whether the electronic delivery confirmation mail indicates successful delivery; and
transferring said electronic delivering confirmation mail to said delivery notifying mail address stored in said delivery notifying partner step when said received electronic mail is an electronic delivering confirmation mail indicating the successful delivery.

14. (original) A method of controlling a network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising the steps of:

storing a delivery notifying destination mail address;
detecting, at a time of receiving an electronic mail, whether said received electronic mail is an electronic mail for confirming delivery of the electronic mail;
transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming the delivery, to a mail address of a From address, when an address of a sender is set in a From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail; and
transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming the delivery, to the stored destination address, when the mail address of the sender is not set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16. (original) A method of controlling a network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising the steps of:

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storing a delivery notifying destination mail address;

detecting, at a time of receiving an electronic mail, whether said mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming delivery of the electronic mail;

confirming, when said received electronic mail is the electronic delivery confirmation mail, whether a mail address of a sender is set in a From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

confirming whether predetermined contents relating to a transferring error are contained in contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when the mail address of the sender is set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when the mail address of the sender individual is not set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when the mail address of the sender is set in From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when the mail address of the sender is set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

17. (previously presented) A method of controlling a network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising the steps of:

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storing a delivery notifying destination mail address;
detecting, at a time of receiving an electronic mail, whether said received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming delivery of the electronic mail;
confirming, when said received electronic mail is the electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming the delivery, whether a mail address of a sender is set in a From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;
transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said stored destination mail address; when mail address of the sender is not set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail; and
visually outputting the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

18. (original) A method of controlling a network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, comprising the steps of:

storing a delivery notifying destination mail address;
detecting at a time of receiving an electronic mail, whether said received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming delivery of electronic mail;
confirming whether a mail address of a sender is set in a the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said received electronic mail is an electronic mail for confirming the delivery;
confirming whether predetermined contents relating to a transferring error are contained in contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;
visually outputting the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;
transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic mail and said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when said mail address of said sender is set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

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transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when said mail address of said sender individual is not set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail;

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address of said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when said mail address of said sender individual is set in said From address of said electronic mail; and

transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said stored destination mail address, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and when said mail address of said sender is not set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

Claims 19-20 (canceled).

21. (previously presented) A programmed network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, said programmed network facsimile device executing control code embodied in a computer readable medium, said control code comprising:

code for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

code for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

code for confirming whether the electronic delivery confirmation mail indicates successful mail delivery, and for transferring said delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said confirming means to said destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means when the electronic delivery confirmation mail indicates successful delivery.

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22. (previously presented) A programmed network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail function, and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, said programmed network facsimile device executing control code embodied in a computer readable medium, said control code comprising:

code for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

code for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic mail for confirming mail delivery; and

code for transferring said delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said confirming means to a mail address set in a From address field, when a mail address of a sender is set in said From address field of said delivery confirmation mail, and for transferring said delivery confirming mail to the destination address, when the mail address of the sender individual is not set in said From address field of said electronic mail.

23. (previously presented) A programmed network facsimile device connected to the Internet or a local area network, employing an electronic mail, function and having a function of exchanging image information through said Internet or said local area network and functions of a facsimile device, said programmed network facsimile device executing control code embodied in a computer readable medium, said control code comprising:

code for storing a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

code for detecting, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

code for determining whether said delivery confirmation mail includes contents relating to a transferring error and for transferring said electronic delivery confirmation mail to the destination address stored in said delivery notifying partner storing means, when the contents relating to the transferring error are not contained in the delivery confirmation mail.

24. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to a network,

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comprising:

mailer means for transmitting and/or receiving electronic mail through the network, the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation,

memory means for storing a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent,

mail detecting means for determining, upon reception of the received mail, whether a received mail is a delivery notification,

mail transferring means for determining whether the delivery notification indicates successful delivery, and for transferring the received mail to the destination address, when the received mail is determined to be a delivery notification confirming successful delivery.

25. (original) The network facsimile device as defined in claim 24, further comprising:
setting means for making valid or invalid said mail transferring operation of said mail transferring means.

26. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to a network, comprising:

mailer means for transmitting and/or receiving electronic mail through the network, the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation,

memory means for storing a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent;

determining means for determining whether a received delivery notification contains a sender address in a From address field; and

mail transferring means for transferring the received delivery notification according to the determination result of the determining means.

27. (previously presented) A network facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein the mail transferring means transfers the received delivery notification to the sender address when the delivery notification contains the sender address in the From address field.

28. (previously presented) A network facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein

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the mail transferring means transfers the received delivery notification to the destination address when the delivery notification does not contain the sender address in the From address field.

29. (previously presented) A network facsimile device according to claim 26, further comprising:

setting means for making valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said mail transferring means.

Claim 30-32 (canceled).

33. (previously presented) A network facsimile device connected to a network, comprising:

mailer means for transmitting and/or receiving electronic mail through the network, the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation;

memory means for storing a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent;

mail detecting means for determining whether a received mail is a delivery notification, upon reception of the received mail;

first determining means for determining whether a received delivery notification contains a sender address in the From address field;

second determining means for determining whether the received delivery notification contains error information which indicates an error occurrence; and

mail transferring means for transferring the received delivery notification according to the determination result of the first and second determining means.

34. (previously presented) A network facsimile device according to claim 33, wherein the mail transferring means transfers the received delivery notification to the destination address when the delivery notification contains the sender address in the From address field and contains the error occasion information.

35. (previously presented) A network facsimile device according to claim 33, further

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comprising:

setting means for making valid or invalid the transferring operation of said mail transferring means.

Claims 36-39 (canceled).

40. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

a delivery confirmation detection part configured to detect, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic mail for confirming mail delivery; and

a processing part configured to transfer the electronic delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said delivery confirmation detection part to a mail address set in a From address field, when a mail address of a sender is set in said From address field of said delivery confirmation mail, and transfer said delivery confirming mail to the destination address, when the mail address of the sender individual is not set in said From address field of said electronic mail.

41. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 40, further comprising:

a setting part configured to make valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said delivery confirmation transfer part.

42. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

a delivery confirmation detection part configured to detect, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

a processing part configured to

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confirm whether a mail address of a sender is set in a From address field of the electronic delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said delivery confirmation detection part and confirm whether said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined contents relating to a transferring error, and

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and said destination address stored in said storage device, when said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined contents relating to said transferring error contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail,

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said storage device, when said delivery confirmation mail includes predetermined contents relating to said transferring error contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is not set in the From address field of said electronic mail,

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error not contained in said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said storage device, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender individual is not set in the From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

43. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 42, further comprises:

a setting part configured to make valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said delivery confirmation transfer part.

44. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

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a storage device configured to store a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

a delivery confirmation detection part configured to detect, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

a processing part configured to

confirming whether an address of a sender is set in a From address field of said electronic mail detected by said delivery confirmation detection part to be an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming the delivery, and for confirming whether predetermined contents relating to a transferring error are contained in contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail,

visibly output said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in said contents of said electronic mail, or

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to both of said mail address set in said From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and said destination address stored in said storage device, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are contained in the contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of the sender is set in the From address field of said electronic delivery confirmation mail,

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said mail address of said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivering confirmation mail and when said mail address of said sender is set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail, and

transfer said electronic delivery confirmation mail to said destination address stored in said storage device, when said predetermined contents relating to said transferring error are not contained in said contents of said electronic delivery confirmation mail and when said mail address of said sender is not set in said From address of said electronic delivery confirmation mail.

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45. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 44, further comprises:

a first setting part configured to make valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said processing part; and

a second setting part configured to make valid or invalid visible display of said electronic mail of said processing part.

46. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a mailer part configured to transmit and/or receive electronic mail through the network, the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation;

a storage device configured to store a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent; and

a processing part configured to determine whether a received delivery notification contains a sender address in a From address field, and transfer the received delivery notification according to the determination result.

47. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 46, wherein the processing part transfers the received delivery notification to the sender address when the delivery notification contains the sender address in the From address field.

48. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 46, wherein the processing part transfers the received delivery notification to the destination address when the delivery notification does not contain the sender address in the From address field.

49. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 46, further comprising:

a setting part configured to make valid or invalid said electronic mail transferring operation of said processing part.

50. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a mailer part configured to transmit and/or receive electronic mail through the network,

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the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation;

a storage device configured to store a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent;

a detecting part configured to determine whether a received mail is a delivery notification, upon reception of the received mail;

a processing part configured to determine whether a received delivery notification contains a sender address in the From address field, determine whether the received delivery notification contains error information which indicates an error occurrence, and transfer the received delivery notification according to the determination results.

51. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 50, wherein the processing part transfers the received delivery notification to the destination address when the delivery notification contains the sender address in the From address field and contains the error occasion information.

52. (previously presented) The network facsimile apparatus as defined in claim 50, further comprising:

a setting part configured to make valid or invalid the transferring operation of said processing part.

53. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a mailer part configured to transmit and/or receive electronic mail through the network, the electronic mail being accompanied by a facsimile image representation,

a storage device configured to store a destination address to which a mail delivery notification is to be sent,

a detecting part configured to determine, upon reception of the received mail, whether a received mail is a delivery notification;

a processing part configured to determine whether the delivery notification indicates successful delivery, and transfer the received mail to the destination address, when the delivery notification indicates successful delivery.

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Claims 54-55 (canceled).

56. (previously presented) A network facsimile apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store a mail address of a destination address to which a confirmation is to be delivered;

a detecting part configured to detect, at a time of receiving electronic mail, whether the received electronic mail is an electronic delivery confirmation mail for confirming mail delivery; and

a processing part configured to determine whether the electronic delivery confirmation mail indicates successful delivery, and transfer said delivery confirmation mail confirmed by said detecting part to said destination address stored in said storage device when the electronic delivery confirmation indicates successful delivery.

Claims 57-58 (canceled).